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LGBTQ activists rally outside the Supreme Court in Washington.

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Are LGBTQ workers covered under Title VII?

U.S. Supreme Court justices on Tuesday appeared divided over whether a landmark decades-old federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in the workplace protects gay and transgender employees as they heard arguments in one of the biggest cases of their current term.

The four liberal justices on the nine-member court signaled sympathy toward arguments that LGBT workers are covered under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which forbids employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of sex as well as race, color, national origin and religion.

Some of the five conservative justices expressed reservations toward extending protection to gay employees. However, one of them, Justice Neil Gorsuch, asked questions

of both sides indicating potential sympathy for the workers. When analyzing whether a person was fired on the basis of sexual orientation, Gorsuch said sex seemed to be a "contributing cause."

But Gorsuch later in the arguments voiced concern that the court would be overstepping its role if it ruled in favor of gay and transgender workers instead of letting Congress legislate on the subject. Gorsuch warned of "massive social upheaval" that could result from such a ruling.

"It's a question of judicial modesty," Gorsuch said.

Conservative Justice Samuel Alito said that if the court decides that Title VII protects gays and lesbians it would effectively be rewriting a law enacted by Congress in a way that was never intended by the lawmakers who passed it. Alito said the Supreme Court would be seen as deciding "a major policy question" that Congress

"Do fire Trump. Don't fire LGBTQ workers,"

LGBTQ activists chant

would normally legislate on.

The roughly two hours of arguments were held on the second day of the court's new nine-month term.

The court's 5-4 conservative majority includes two justices – Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh – appointed by President Donald Trump, whose administration has argued that Title VII does not cover sexual orientation or gender identity.

Kavanaugh said little to indicate how he might vote. Conservative Justice Clarence Thomas, who missed the opening day of the court's term on Monday with an illness, was at the arguments but asked no questions, as is his custom.

The Supreme Court

U.S. Supreme Court divided over gay, transgender employment protection

delivered an important gay rights decision in 2015 legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. Its dynamics on LGBT issues, however, changed following the 2018 retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative who backed gay rights in major cases and wrote the same-sex marriage ruling.

The legal fight focuses on the definition of "sex" in Title VII. The plaintiffs, along with civil rights groups and many large companies, have argued that discriminating against gay and transgender workers is inherently based on their sex and consequently is illegal.

Liberal justices noted that Title VII also protects against stereotyping people based on gender, and were skeptical of arguments pressed by the Trump administration's lawyer, Solicitor General Noel Francisco, and a lawyer representing the employers that Title VII does not cover sexual orientation because it is a separate trait than sex.

Liberal Justice Elena



Actress and transgender rights advocate Laverne Cox

Kagan said the court has always analyzed such discrimination cases in a simple way: Would it have happened if the person were a different sex? "Obviously the same thing would not have happened," Kagan said.

A couple of hundred demonstrators advocating for LGBT rights gathered a short distance from the white marble courthouse on an overcast day in the U.S. capital. They chanted for equal rights and held

signs including ones that read, "Do fire Trump. Don't fire LGBTQ workers," "Discrimination is bad for business" and "LGBT Americans power our economy."

"I am here because I'm a queer person and right now my right to live my life as everyone else is being determined by nine people, none of whom are queer, all of whom are cisgender," said Washington resident Raegan Davis, 21

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STD cases in U.S. rose to record high in 2018

2 The number of Americans who were diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease (STD) last year rose to a record high, U.S. health officials said on Tuesday, partly because funding for local health departments has dropped. Nearly 2.46 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and other STDs were reported in 2018, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a report.

The total includes some 1,300 cases of congenital syphilis in newborns. The rate of infection climbed steadily between 2014 and 2018, resulting in a 71% jump in the number of syphilis cases, a 63% increase in gonorrhea and a 19% rise in chlamydia during that period. Budget cuts, clinic closures, less screening and patient follow-up has accounted for the increased disease rates, health officials said. REUTERS

Lawsuit to allege Fortnite as addictive as drugs

3 A Montreal-based law firm is preparing a class action suit on behalf of two parents who claim that the popular game Fortnite is as addictive as cocaine. The firm, Calix Legal, represents unidentified plaintiffs who are the parents of a 10- and 15-year-old. The legal action alleges that Fortnite, when played for a long period, causes the player's brain to release the "pleasure hormone, dopamine" in

the same way that some drugs create a chemical addiction. "Epic Games, when they created Fortnite, for years and years, hired psychologists – they really dug into the human brain and they really made the effort to make it as addictive as possible," Alessandra Esposito Chartrand, a Calix Legal attorney, said on CBC.ca. "They knowingly put on the market a very, very addictive game which was also geared toward youth." REUTERS



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Former Drexel professor used grant money for strip clubs

Dr. Chikaodinaka D. Nwankpa filed strip club outings under "goods and services."



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Dr. Chikaodinaka D. Nwankpa, the head of Drexel University's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is accused of using thousands in federal grant money to pay for strip club and bar visits and other questionable "goods and services."

The investigation began in 2017, after Drexel voluntarily disclosed

gation.

As a response, Drexel changed its grant system to prevent any future misconduct. They also added charge approval and auditing policies to their grants. Drexel also paid the United States government \$189,062 for liability as a result of the False Claims Act, NBC reported.

It was reported that Nwankpa did pay back the university for the \$53,328 he spent, and resigned before he was terminated. He was subsequently excluded from federal government contracting for six months.

United States Attorney William McSwain told outlets that, "This is an example of flagrant and audacious fraud and a

"The agencies providing these grant funds expect them to be used towards advancements in energy and naval technology for public benefit, not for personal entertainment."

William McSwain

improper charges to eight grants for energy and navy tech-related research. The grants were given to Drexel by the National Science Foundation, the Department of the Navy, and the Department of Energy.

An internal audit found that Nwankpa used money from the federal grants to make "goods and services" purchases. Among the items listed: visits to Club Risque, Tacony Club and Cheerleaders strip clubs and personal iTunes purchases.

Drexel did cooperate with the federal investi-

shameful misuse of public funds."

McSwain continued, "The agencies providing these grant funds expect them to be used towards advancements in energy and naval technology for public benefit, not for personal entertainment."

Additionally, McSwain added that, "At the same time, we are disappointed that Dr. Nwankpa's conduct went unnoticed for so long, but Drexel's strengthening of its charge approval process is certainly a step in the right direction."

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ASK 3B ORTHOPAEDICS AT JEFFERSON HEALTH:

The decision to undergo a total knee replacement is a big one—but if you're living with chronic pain, it can be the game changer that restores your mobility. Metro spent time with Robert E. Booth, Jr., M.D., the medical director of 3B Orthopaedics at Jefferson Health who has performed tens of thousands of total knee replacements in his career.

What happens to our knees as we age?

We're all born with a coating of cartilage on the ends of our bones, as well as a shock absorber called a meniscus. Together, they keep the bones steady and prevent them from rubbing together. As we age, we lose that cartilage. If you do an MRI, 100 percent of people over the age of 50 have tears in their meniscus. It's sort of like wrinkles or gray hair. The cartilage essentially dries out and gets worn away. As we get older, many of us also gain weight and suffer other injuries that accelerate the process of those bones coming together and eventually touching. When that happens, it produces arthritis and pain.

What can we do about it?

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isn't something we recommend. Synthetic steroid injections can go far in reducing inflammation and relieving pain for three to four months. Hyaluronic acid gel is another innovative treatment that helps lubricate the joint. Every joint has fluid in it, but when it gets arthritic, that fluid gets thin and watery. Hyaluronic acid is like extra thick artificial joint fluid. It only works about 50 percent of the time, but when it does, relief can last six months to a year.

When should you consider a total knee replacement?

There are three main things to consider:

1. **You have pain.** It's rarely horrible or excruciating; more

achy and annoying. It's unpredictable and there are good days and bad days, so you never really know what tomorrow's going to be. That robs you of your ability to live the life you want.

2. **Your knees are unsteady.** Stiff, arthritic joints put you at risk for falling. If you break your wrist or hip, that's harder to fix than your knee.
3. **It's affecting your lifestyle.** For older people, the concern is losing the ability to live independently. For younger folks, it's not being able to walk the dog or play with their grandchildren or be athletic or do their job. Lifestyle

is by far the biggest driver.

What's a total knee replacement like?

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White House blocks ambassador's impeachment testimony; lawmakers vow subpoena

Republican and
Democrat back-
and-forth.

The Trump administration on Tuesday blocked an ambassador from testifying to the U.S. House of Representatives' impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine, a move top House Democrats vowed to counter with a subpoena.

The chairmen of three House committees leading the impeachment investigation said they would compel testimony from U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland, a Trump donor who started his diplomatic job in July. The investigators are interested in what the ambassador knew and what his role was in Trump's efforts to get Ukraine to probe former Vice President Joe Biden, who leads the field of potential challengers to the Republican president.

Through his lawyer on



U.S. Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland's testimony blocked by Trump administration. REUTERS

"He stands ready to testify on short notice, whenever he is permitted to appear"

Sondland's lawyer, Robert Luskin

Tuesday, Sondland said he hoped "the issues raised by the State Department that preclude his testimony will be resolved promptly."

"He stands ready to testify on short notice, whenever he is permitted to appear," Sondland's lawyer, Robert Luskin, said in a statement.

It wasn't immediately clear what issues had blocked his testimony.

The probe is focusing on a whistleblower's allegations that Trump used nearly \$400 million in U.S. military aid to secure a promise from Ukraine's president to investigate Biden. REUTERS

At U.N., Europeans urge North Korea to move toward giving up nuclear weapons, missile programs

The five European members of the United Nations Security Council urged North Korea on Tuesday "to take concrete steps" toward giving up its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner.

The envoys issued a joint statement following a closed-door meeting of the 15-member council on North Korea after Pyongyang said it had test-fired a new submarine-launched ballistic missile last Wednesday. The discussion was requested by Germany, Britain and France.



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The missile launch was the most provocative move by North Korea since it resumed a dialogue with the United States in 2018 and followed a string of other missile tests over the

past few months. U.N. Security Council resolutions ban Pyongyang from using ballistic missile technology.

The European council members described these launches as undermining "regional security and stability, and they are in clear violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions."

"It is vital that the Security Council upholds its resolutions. International sanctions must remain in place and be fully and strictly enforced," the envoys, including from Belgium and Poland, said in the statement. REUTERS

Can therapy save my relationship?



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The decision to seek couples therapy is often an intimidating one, and getting both parties on board can be a challenge—especially if one of you feels nervous about emotionally baring it all to a stranger. But moving forward with counseling is something that can have a profoundly positive impact on a struggling relationship. It's about feeling safe enough to get honest, explore difficult terrain, and move forward together with renewed trust. Metro had a chat with Chris Fariello, Ph.D., MA, LMFT, PHIRST's founder and director, to unpack the details.

Can therapy help a relationship?

Relationships are a lot of work—and every

relationship has its issues. The problem is that most of us aren't naturally equipped with the skills or experience to manage them on our own. For many, therapy is helpful in teaching partners what these skills look like and how to integrate them into their relationship. For others, therapy is a tool that helps end a relationship that's no longer working in a way that's less painful.

What will people learn in therapy?

Partners can learn so many valuable things in therapy, like how to communicate differently and *really* hear what their partners are saying. They can also learn how to take responsibility for the part they play in destructive behavior patterns. From

there, they may go on to recognize that they have the power to make lasting changes (even if their partner doesn't). This might require setting realistic expectations in the relationship so they don't continue to set themselves or their partner up for failure.

Why do couples fight in the first place?

Couples often fight when they aren't feeling heard and valued. They also fight because they have unrealistic ideas about who their partner is, and then get hurt when their partner doesn't live up to that expectation. An additional benefit of therapy is that it can help to clarify these issues and better resolve these kinds of differences.



How long does therapy take to work?

It really all depends on the issues at hand and how ingrained the patterns have become. I typically say that partners should begin to see change in about 12 to 16 weeks—quicker if they take the work to heart and make a real effort to improve things. This includes taking an honest look at your own thought patterns and behavior.

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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg earlier this month stated that a Warren presidency would "suck" for the company.

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U.S. presidential candidate Warren attacks Facebook's political ad policies

Democratic front-runner questions Facebook's election influence

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren took aim at Facebook's political advertising policies on Monday, suggesting without evidence that a change in the

social media giant's policy might have been linked to a recent meeting between Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and President Donald Trump.

Facebook, which has been under scrutiny from regulators after U.S. intelligence agencies found that Russia used social media platforms to interfere in the 2016 presidential election, recently changed the wording of its rules on political ads, which used to ban "deceptive, false or misleading content."

Its new online policy prohibits "ads that include claims debunked by third-party fact checkers or, in certain circumstances, claims debunked by organizations with particular expertise," but this has led some to point out that politicians' ads and posts are exempt from Facebook's fact-checking program.

Warren, a Democratic frontrunner who in March called for breaking up Amazon.com Inc, Alphabet Inc and Facebook Inc, argued in her tweets that the public needs to know how Facebook intends to use its influence in the November 2020 presidential election.

"For instance, Trump and Zuckerberg met at the White House two weeks ago. What did they talk about?" she tweeted, referring to a Sept. 19 meeting.

"After that meeting, Facebook quietly changed its policies on 'misinformation' in ads," she asked. "Put another way, Facebook is now okay with

running political ads with known lies," she added.

A Facebook spokeswoman said the update to its external ad policy page had not changed its policy or enforcement.

The Warren campaign and Trump campaign did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Using an example of a Trump campaign Facebook ad that said Democrats wanted to repeal the Second Amendment, Warren argued that Facebook was allowing Trump to mislead the public.

FactCheck.org director Eugene Kiely, whose organization is one of Facebook's independent fact-checking partners and which has called Trump's Second Amendment ads "deceptive," said he thinks Facebook users should see related fact-checking stories next to political ads.

In her Monday tweets, Warren also referenced leaked audio of an internal Facebook Q&A session in which Zuckerberg talked about what a Warren presidency could mean for the company.

She said Facebook was "taking deliberate steps to help one candidate intentionally mislead the American people, while painting the candidacy of others (specifically: mine) as an 'existential' threat."

Trump has frequently criticized social media platforms for alleged bias against conservatives, a claim the companies deny. **REUTERS**

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Libra Consider what it will take to stabilize situations that could disrupt your life. Someone will put demands on you that could wreak havoc on your personal life.



Taurus The barter system will benefit you. Learning to give and take will provide you with a better understanding of what you can gain as well as what you can offer.



Scorpio The personal touch will be necessary when dealing with sensitive situations. Words matter, and the way you articulate what you want to see happen will make a difference.



Gemini Expect emotional manipulation if you get into a debate. Focus on getting things done, not on talking about what you want to do.



Sagittarius Listen to what others say. If you don't agree, go about your business. If you force your opinion on others, you will waste time and damage your reputation.



Cancer Participate in events that will help you further your goals. A partnership proposal will be worth checking out.



Capricorn Make changes at home or work that will align you with the people you need behind you. A positive change is heading your way.



Leo Keep moving forward. Learn all you can and establish what you want. Don't let the changes others make distract you from focusing on your objective.



Aquarius Spend more time making sure everything is up to date. Look over personal documents, bill payments and contracts. Adjustments you make will save you a bundle.



Virgo Speak up, get things done and make a difference. Use your experience to make sensible conclusions and choices that will further your interests.



Pisces The help you offer others will benefit you as well. Someone you encounter will give you something to think about. Love and romance are in the stars, and a commitment can be made. *EUGENIA LAST*

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games and tractor rides from 3 pm until 8 pm for everyone to enjoy.

Getting people together is just one of the objectives Pizzeria Stella prides itself on, especially when you talk to Executive Chef Shane Solomon who has been there since the beginning.

Solomon graduated from the New England Culinary School and not long after began working exclusively for Stephen Starr in a few other Philly hotspots such as Parc and Angeline. When Solomon jumped on board with Pizzeria Stella in 2009, he signed up for a job full of pizza, pasta and a lot of innovation.

"Pizzeria Stella is a place where we have a lot of room to try different things and expand on a lot of different products and techniques—we tend to follow the seasons. We're always building our craft and learning about new things," says Solomon. "I think at this point we kind of understand who

on the carb-filled fun.

Stellafest kicks off this Monday, Oct. 14, and the annual block party will feature plenty of enticing

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Doing "things better" includes an impressive list of specialty pizzas, an

extensive range of bar selections and a catalog of flavorful dishes including Pizzeria Stella's octopus dish, which happens to be chef Solomon's favorite. "I'm a big fan of our octopus dish. It's grilled octopus with a salsa verde made with fresh herbs, potatoes, anchovies and done on a fennel salad with dessert lemon and long hot peppers. It's one

of our favorites and I eat it for dinner all of the time."

There are plenty of other favorites from Solomon, like the eatery's savory meatballs ("Who doesn't like meatballs, you know?"), but what takes the cake at this neighborhood spot is certainly the feeling of community.

"Having been involved somewhere like this for ten years is kind of an anomaly on its own. But having Pizzeria Stella still continue to be this successful is amazing to me. To make it more special, my son, my oldest, was born the week I started Pizzeria Stella. So I've been able to watch him grow as well as the business. But you're watching everything grow, from customers to staff — some have even been here from the beginning. Again, it's all an anomaly. But the best part is just the people, it's that shared experience. When people come back it means we're doing something right."

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Skulls, spooks and sips

Haunt, Philly's new speakeasy-style pop-up Halloween bar, is open for business.



MOLLY GIVEN
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Halloween is still a few weeks away, but that doesn't mean we can't drink like it's the spooky holiday right now. A new speakeasy-style pop-up bar above the recently opened Pearl Tavern is ready for business and will be serving up deliciously deadly drinks and an enchantingly eerie atmosphere until the end of the month.

Haunt comes from Townsend Wentz Restaurant Group and Arts in the Industry, and both companies wanted a place where Philadelphians could go to get into the Halloween spirit and sip on carefully crafted drinks while in a chic and fun environ-



Haunt is now open. ALL PHOTOS PUNCH MEDIA

ment.

Haunt will act as the opening act of sorts for the multi-purpose second floor of The Pearl Tavern. The building was recently renovated from the well-known Irish Pub, and the charm and magnitude of the venue make the space perfect for Wentz's latest culinary vision as well as

a perfect pop-up venue for interesting events and activities, such as Haunt.

"Haunt is the first in a series of fun and creative pop-ups on the second-floor at The Pearl Tavern," said Chef / Owner Townsend Wentz in a release. "We look forward to announcing additional programming after we

open."

Haunt features all of the eclectic energy that comes from a creepy atmosphere, but without the in-your-face-scary tactics—it's actually more of a step into a dark fairy-tale with mystical elements and classic holiday favorites.

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ement comes from local artist Bill Strobel of Chalk Art Philadelphia; Strobel created an oversized mural along the wall opposite of the bar created specifically for Haunt. Additionally, Haunt will feature art, glassware and barware crafted by local artists including Chris Nasiri, Jana Schreer, Wrong World Ceramics, Trinket Witch Jewelry and others.

If you come for the atmosphere, you'll stay for the drinks. Haunt runs a full bar, but their cocktails are actually what takes center stage—it's not just for effects, these drinks are tasty.

The new pop-up's cock-

tails include the "Corpse Reviver Number U," featuring Crystal Head vodka, sake, green apple syrup, lemon, and absinthe rinse; the "Kiss of Death" featuring Jim Beam Black, pumpkin stout reduction, spicy bitters; and the "Black Cat" featuring Tito's vodka, fino sherry, and black olive. All wickedly delicious libations are available for \$13.

Alison Hangen, General Manager of The Pearl Tavern and Founder of Arts in the Industry also has a few tricks up her sleeve this month at Haunt. Hangen and her team will be putting on a few unique events throughout Octo-

ber, including a three-day magical movie marathon—Wands & Whisky Weekend, plus a "Game of Thrones" White Walker Party featuring Ommegang Brewing, a "Game of Thrones" best battles marathon, costume contests, late-night happy hours, Slasher Sundays, pumpkin carving nights, the Arts in the Industry's four-year anniversary Masquerade Ball and much more.

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MATT BURKE

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

The Flyers are back on the home ice at the Wells Fargo Center tonight against the New Jersey Devils, and the Sixers are just two weeks away from opening up at home against the Boston Celtics.

In addition to both Philly teams debuting for the 2019-20 seasons, the Wells Fargo Center itself will debut two new sports betting-themed lounges – both branded by Rivers

Casino. The Rivers branding reflects the casino's impending transition from SugarHouse Casino to Rivers Casino Philadelphia, as well as the online component, PlaySugarHouse.com eventually transitioning to BetRivers.com in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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NFL underdogs are now 43-32-2 (57.3%) against the spread entering Week 6. And that's with the Dolphins, Jets and Redskins a combined 2-11 ATS.

tias Stetz, COO of Rush Street Interactive, the operator of the in-casino and online sportsbooks for SugarHouse, soon to be Rivers Casino Philadelphia. "We know how passionate this city is when it comes to sports and we took great care to make sure these lounges have everything guests need to watch and get in on the action as it's happening."

Materials from a press release were used in this report.

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NFL Week 6 betting: Texans at Chiefs

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Week 5 put a dent in

quarterback Patrick Mahomes' numbers but he's still having an impressive season, completing over 65 percent of his passes for 8.6 yards per attempt with an 11-0 TD-INT ratio. He's done most of that without top target Tyreek Hill lining up on the perimeter, but "The Cheetah" is expected back for this game. The Texans are 25th in passing defense (270.4 yards allowed per game), so expect Mahomes and company to move the ball



effectively through the air in this one. Houston is fresh off a 53-point performance against the Falcons, but those expecting a similar performance are forgetting how well Kansas City's defense plays at home. The Chiefs' stoppers have allowed just 313.6 yards per game over their last 10 contests at Arrowhead Stadium. *The play: Chiefs -5*

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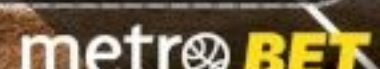
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SPORTS



Buck Showalter and the Phillies have "mutual interest" in teaming up next year. GETTY IMAGES

Showalter in running for un-open Phillies job

Gabe Kapler is still the manager of the Phillies, yet Buck Showalter is in the mix for the job.

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While the baseball world continues to wait for the Philadelphia Phillies' decision on the future of manager Gabe Kapler, it looks like the organization is already searching for his replacement.

Matt Gelb of The Athletic reported on Tuesday morning that the Phillies and veteran manager Buck Showalter "have mutual interest," in joining forces in 2020.

Kapler, though, hasn't been fired yet.

Or has he?

As NBC Sports' Craig Calcaterra alluded to, welcome to Major League Baseball's version of Schrödinger's cat.

Phillies owner John Middleton has been mulling over Kapler's future with the club since the team's season ended over a week ago.

With high expecta-

tions in 2019, the Phillies went a disappointing 81-81 and missed the playoffs for the eighth-straight season.

It was a one-game increase in wins compared to Kapler's first season with the Phillies in 2018. But this year's edition picked up some pretty sizable upgrades in the forms of Bryce Harper, Jean Segura, and JT Realmuto, among others.

Kapler's decision-making throughout his tenure in Philadelphia has suggested that the Phillies need a veteran presence in the dugout to help lead the team to playoff contention in the future.

Showalter has plenty of connections with the Phillies. Team president Andy MacPhail hired Showalter as the manager of the Orioles back in 2010.

General manager Matt Klentak and assistant general manager Ned Rice also worked alongside Showalter in Baltimore in lesser roles.

And while Gelb noted that Showalter might not be the first choice if the Phillies do fire Kapler, he has the track

record to satisfy that need.

The 63-year-old has coached for parts of 20 seasons in the majors with the Yankees, Diamondbacks, Rangers, and Orioles.

He was dismissed from both the Yankees and Diamondbacks one year before the teams won World Series titles in 1996 and 2001.

Showalter is close to a .500 manager with a 1,551-1,517 career record and has made the playoffs just five teams during his long career.

However, he was at the helm of a rebuilding Yankees team and three small-market franchises.

The Phillies would provide Showalter with one of the most talented rosters he's ever had and if the front office can add pitching depth in both the starting rotation and bullpen, he'll have a legitimate contender on his hands.

Of course, this is all hypothetically speaking as we've yet to hear any word on whether or not Kapler is on his way out of Philadelphia.

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Flyers host Devils in Philly opener

The Flyers are back on American soil for their home opener against the New Jersey Devils tonight (7:30 p.m., NBC Sports) after a season-opening 4-3 win over the Chicago Blackhawks in the Czech Republic.

It was a successful debut for new head coach Alain Vigneault, who — alongside GM Chuck Fletcher — has been tasked to turn things around on Broad Street.

The Flyers have made the playoffs just three times in the last seven years and are coming off a 2018-19 season that was their worst in over a decade.

But the early returns, while premature, are promising.

Claude Giroux, Sean Couturier, Kevin Hayes, Jakub Voracek, and James van Riemsdyk — the Flyers' big guns that had so much pressure to produce last year — didn't have a point against Chicago and the Flyers still put up four goals and won.

Travis Konecny, who is



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were outclassed 7-2 by the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday.

On paper, this is a scary-looking Devils team. Former Hart Trophy winner Taylor Hall is healthy and he's now joined by No. 1 pick Jack Hughes, All-Star defenseman PK Subban, and Russian talisman Nikita Gusev.

But the Devils are also featuring a familiar Philadelphia face as Wayne Simmonds makes a return to the Wells Fargo Center.

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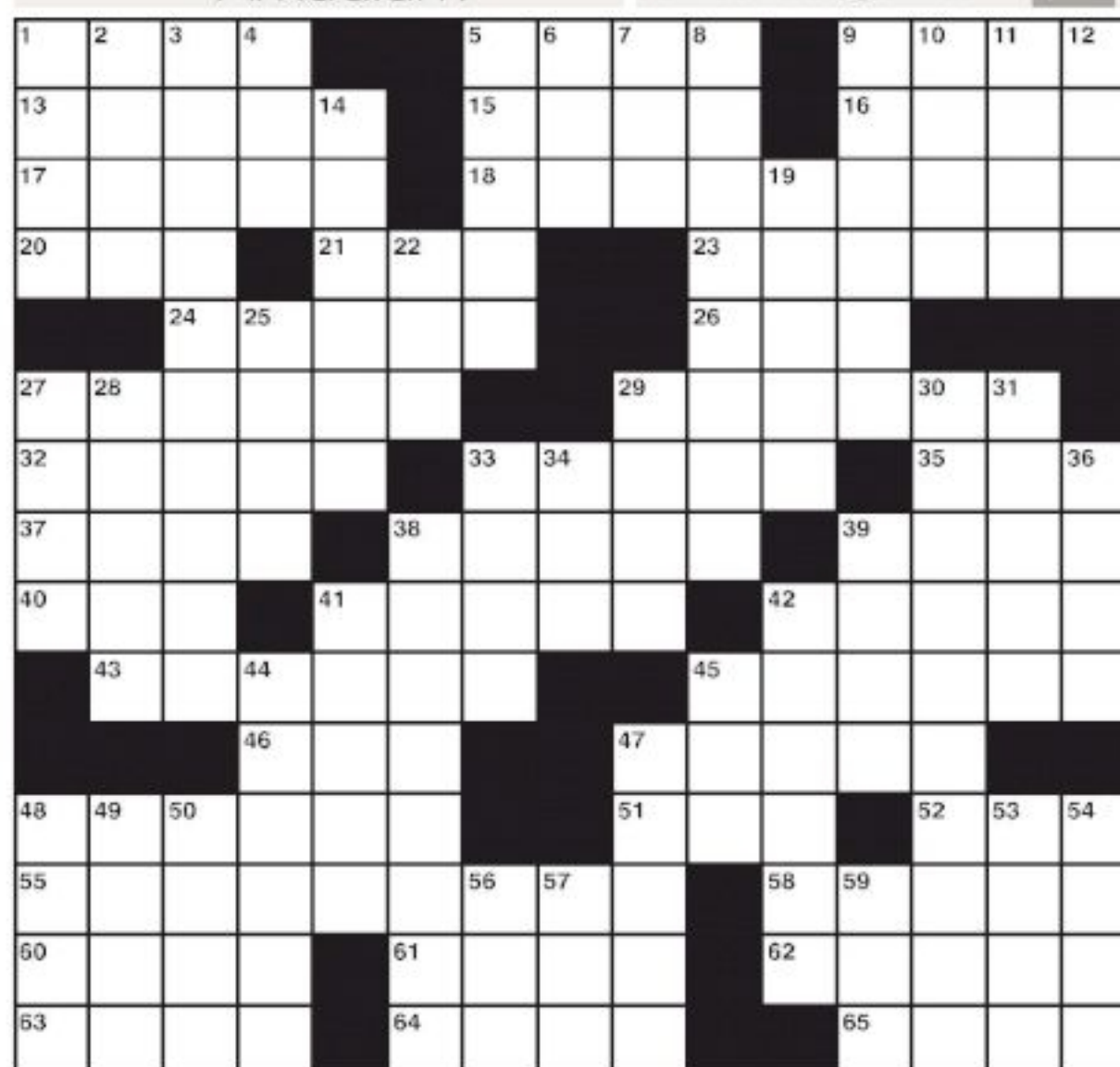
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2 360 seconds
3 Imprudent
4 Taro root paste
5 Set ___; reserve
6 Popular pet
7 Final bill
8 Lazy
9 Fluid part of the blood
10 Fuzzy residue

11 ___ more; again
12 Landowner's paper
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19 Kingdom
22 TV's "People ___ Funny"
25 Small amounts
27 Canyon sound
28 ___ away; leaves shore
29 Needs a doctor
30 Competitive runner
31 Upper class
33 Possesses
34 "Why ___ the chicken cross the road?"
36 Bruce & Brandon
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42 Advantages
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45 Piece of cookware
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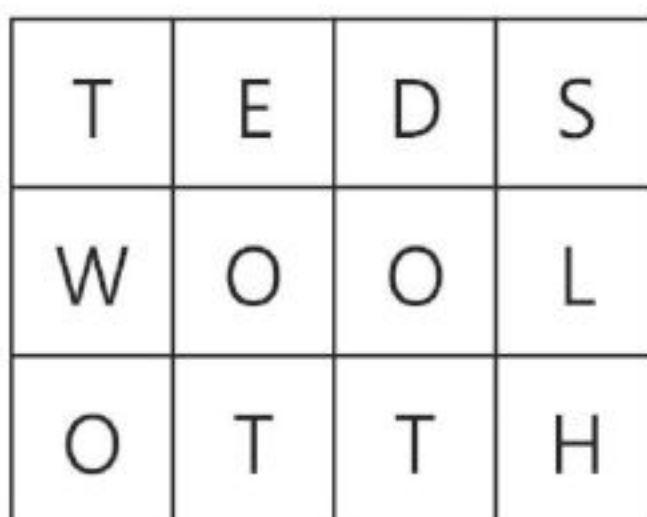
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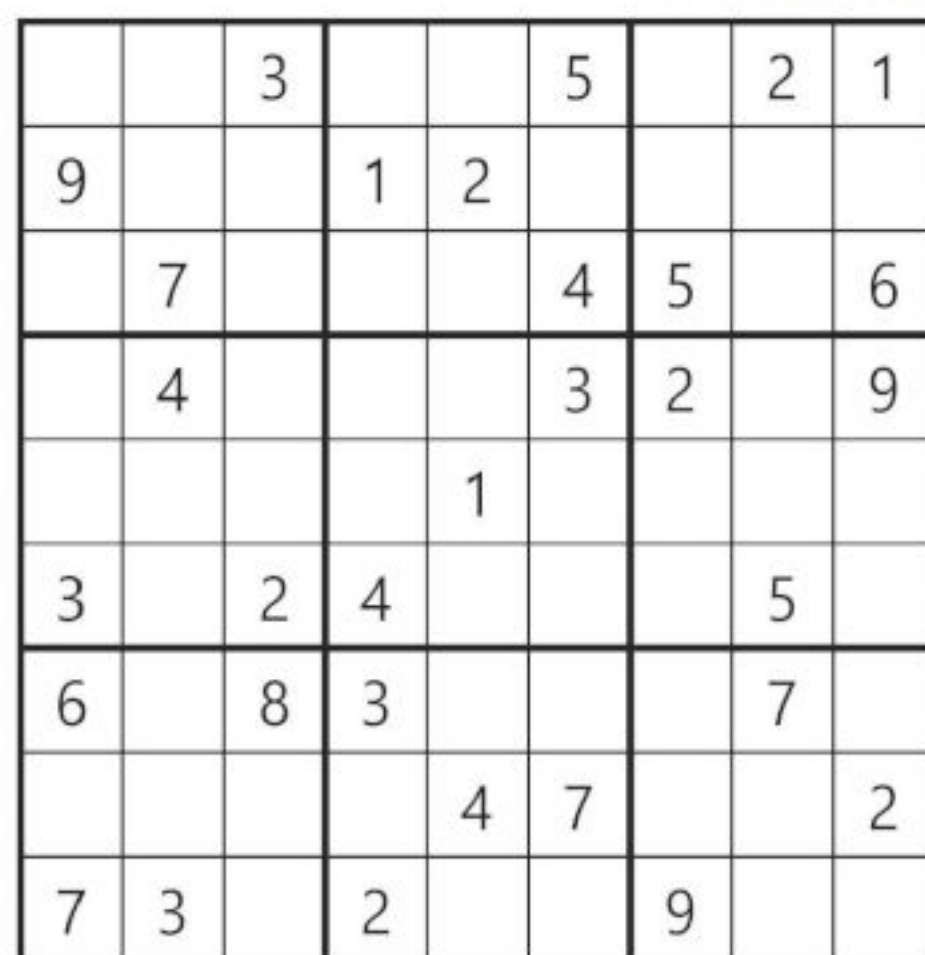
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